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Remarks

As the Examiner has noted, Applicants elected Group I without traverse in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 15, 2003. Applicants, however, accidentally failed to elect a species. Therefore, Applicants hereby now elect without traverse the first species comprising stretching the aperture mask to align the aperture mask with the deposition substrate.

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